

*Lincolnia United Methodist Church*

*6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, Virginia 22312*

*Sunday, May 11, 2025, Forth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day &*

*Memorial Service for Sis. Namusa Kargbo*

*Our Mission is "To Share Christ's Love for All People Everywhere"*



**1. Prelude :**

(Organ Music)

**2. Greetings and Welcome:**

(Worship Leader)

**3. Declaration of Purpose:**

(Worship Leader)

Beloved in Christ, Sundays are special days set aside to show gratitude and appreciation to God our Father, through Jesus Christ His Son, our Lord and Saviour, for His grace and mercies that keeps us through life's journey. But this Sunday is very special, it is both a day of congregational worship, Mother's Day and a day in which we memorialize one of our own who have passed from time to eternity, Sis. Namusa Kargbo.

Mother's Day is celebrated to honour all mothers and those who give motherly care. We express gratitude for the hardship they bear in bringing up a child. Mother's Day came into being due to the effort made by Ms. Julia Ward Howe and Ms. Anna Jarvis. The resolution for having a dedicated Mother's Day was signed by US president Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914. Since then, people across the world have been celebrating Mother's Day with joy and devotion. Let this celebration continue in Jesus name.

Let us celebrate this day with the full intention it deserves, to the glory of God our Father, to the praise of all living Mothers and in joyful remembrance of all Mothers who have died. May they rest in peace.

**4. Call to Worship: (Responsively – remain standing as you're able)**

**L:** Today, we gather not just to worship, but to celebrate the powerful love of mothers.

**P: We thank God for mothers, for their unwavering love, and their countless acts of kindness.**

**L:** Let us remember all the mothers in our lives, those who nurtured us, guided us, and loved us unconditionally.

**P: We honor the strength and wisdom of mothers, those who have poured their hearts into raising us.**

**L:** Let us acknowledge the sacrifices made by mothers, both seen and unseen.

**P: We give thanks for the comfort, guidance, and unwavering support of mothers.**

L: May we, in turn, be a source of love and care for others, just as our mothers have been for us.

**P: We lift up all mothers in prayer, asking for God's blessings and peace.**

L: Let us enter into worship with grateful hearts, remembering the love of mothers and the love of God.

**All: Amen.**

**5. Opening Hymn:** "Sometimes a Light Surprises" (MHB # 231)

1. Sometimes a light surprises  
The Christian while he sings;  
It is the Lord who rises  
With healing in His wings;  
When comforts are declining,  
He grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining,  
To cheer it after rain.
  
2. In holy contemplation  
We sweetly then pursue  
The theme of God's salvation,  
And find it ever new;  
Set free from present sorrow,  
We cheerfully can say  
E'en let the unknown morrow  
Bring with it what it may.
  
3. It can bring with it nothing,  
But He will bear us through;  
Who gives the lilies clothing,  
Will clothe His people too:  
Beneath the spreading heavens  
No creature but is fed;  
And He, who feeds the ravens,

Will give His children bread.

4. Though vine nor fig tree neither  
Their wanted fruit shall bear;  
Though all the fields should wither  
Nor flocks nor herds be there;  
Yet God the same abiding,  
His praise shall tune my voice,  
For, while in Him confiding,  
I cannot but rejoice.

#### **6. Opening Prayer:**

**(By all , please be seated)**

Most gracious and gentle God, from the womb of your love you gave birth to all creation. And in your Son Jesus Christ you reveal a loving – kindness that longs to gather, especially those who nurse and care for children. Give them patience and wisdom. Sustain them in gentleness and grace. Deepen the tenderness of their affection. Affirm them in the nobility of their calling. May our children always find in the embrace of mothers an outward and visible sign of never failing love and care; And through the love of our mothers, may we all feel the warmth of your tender mercies and know the constancy of your unconditional love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen**

#### **7. Mother's Day Prayer:**

**(By all)**

God our Creator, we pray: for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, and even for fathers that are playing a motherly

role, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. **Amen**

**8. Prayer of Confession: (By all)**

Loving God, on this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the gift of motherhood. We are grateful for the mothers who have nurtured us, guided us, and loved us unconditionally. We confess that we have not always lived up to the standards of love and respect that mothers deserve. We have, at times, been ungrateful, disrespectful, and have fallen short in honoring their sacrifices. We ask for your forgiveness and the grace to learn from our mistakes. Help us to show our mothers true love, respect, and gratitude. Strengthen us to be better children, to cherish them, and to serve them with all our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

**9. Words of Assurance: (Pastor)**

**Pastor:** (In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven)

**People:** **(Amen thanks be to God)**

**10. The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day:**

(Worship Leader)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hallowed and sanctified motherhood by your Incarnation, and even in Your Passion did not forget your blessed Mother, but rather entrusted your beloved Disciple with her care. Grant that we may so honor our mothers, and that those called to motherhood may so love their children, teaching them wisdom and kindness, that our days may be long, and your grace increased among us, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**11. Tributes and Reflection: (Church, Families and Friends)**

**12. Immemorial Hymn #709 and Prayers for the late Namusa**

**Kargbo:** (Pastor)

**13. The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23**

**A psalm of David**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

Reader: (This is the word of God)  
**People:** (Thanks be to God)

**14. Hymn: "In Heavenly Love Abiding" (MHB # 230)**

1. In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;

my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

3. Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
where darkest clouds have been;  
my hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free;  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and he will walk with me.

### **15. Epistle Lesson:**

Revelation 7: 9 -17

#### **The Great Multitude in White Robes:**

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will

be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water. 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Reader: (This is the word of God)

People: **(Thanks be to God)**

**16. Sermonic Hymn:** "O That Will Be Joyful" (Gospel Hymn # 267)

1 Here we suffer grief and pain,  
Here we meet to part again;  
In heaven we part no more.  
O, that will be joyful!  
Joyful, joyful, joyful!  
O, that will be joyful!  
When we meet to part no more.

2 All who love the Lord below,  
When they die to heaven will go,  
And join the saints above.  
O, that will be joyful, &c.

3 Little children will be there,  
Who have sought the Lord by prayer  
From every Sunday School.  
O, that will be joyful, &c.

4 Teachers, too will meet above,  
Pastors, parents, whom we love,  
Shall meet to part no more.  
O, that will be joyful, &c.

5 O, how happy we shall be!  
For our Saviour we shall see  
Exalted on his throne.  
O, that will be joyful,

**17. Gospel Lesson:**

John 10: 22 - 30



## **Further Conflict Over Jesus' Claims**

22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

**Reader:** (This is the gospel of Christ)

**People:** **(Praise to Christ our Saviour)**

**18. Sermon:** "Mothers Are Irreplaceable" Rev. Raymond Max-Jones

**19. Announcements:** (Worship Leader)

**20. Offering of Our gifts and ourselves:** **(Stewards)**

**21. The Doxology:** # 94

**22. Blessing of our gifts and ourselves:** (Pastor)

**23. Pastoral Prayer:** The Church, Home, World, Sick and all Conditions of Mankind

**24. Holy Communion:** Page # 13 - 15

**25. Closing Hymn:** "Christ Delivered Me When Bound" (Gospel hymn #155) **(Remain seated)**

1. Christ delivered me when bound,  
And when bleeding, healed my wound;  
Sought me wand'ring, set me right,  
Turned my darkness into light.

2. Can a woman's tender care  
Cease towards the child she bare?  
Yes, she may forgetful be;  
Yet will He remember me.

3. His is an unchanging love,  
Higher than the heights above;  
Deeper than the depths beneath,  
Free and faithful, strong as death.

4. I shall see His glory soon,  
When the work of grace is done;  
Partner of His throne shall be;  
Such is His great love for me!

5. Lord, it is my chief complaint  
That my love is weak and faint;  
Yet I love Thee, and adore:  
Oh for grace to love Thee more.

**26. Closing Prayer and Benediction:** (Pastor)

**27. Postlude Hymn:** "When We All Get to Heaven" # 701

*In Loving Memory of Namusa Kargbo  
May Her Soul Rest in Perfect Peace*









**Announcements from the Church Office**  
**Sunday, May 11th, 2025**

- 1. Finance Committee Meeting:** The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, May 25, 2025, to discuss very important financial matters. Members (Pastor Ray, Emile Davis, Clifford Johnson, Stephen Amara, Thomas Bangura, August Davies, Alice Sesay, Alfred Smith, and Mattu Bockarie-Davis) are required to attend this meeting, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.
  
- 2. Midweek Devotional:** Midweek Devotional Worship continues every Wednesday Evening at 7:30.p.m. Via Zoom, **ID: 94326293441, Password: 6cbm6p**. A blessed and Refreshing time awaits you all in Jesus name. If you would wish to conduct the service or read the Scripture at the devotional please inform Pastor Ray, thanks.  
**Small Groups:** Leaders of Small Groups, Committees leader or their representatives or individuals are welcome to make their announcements as well.
  
- 3. Offerings:** Offerings can be given via Zelle. The Zelle info to use to contribute is **(703-967-5719)** (the office cell). You can also access the Zelle info via the Church Website.

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*Ministers: All People*

*Lincolnia U M C Worship Services on Sunday is at 11:00. A.M*

*Church Office Hours: 10:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.*

*Mondays through Fridays*

*Missionary Church of Christ*

*Sunday - 2: 30.P.M - 5: 30.P.M @ the Fellowship Hall*

*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6: 30.p.m- 9: 30.P.M.*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Till We Meet Again Stay Blessed and Safe.*

*Corona Virus Is Real!*

*Protect Yourself and Save Others*